

Introduction

This circular encompasses information derived from three separate MSC circulars regarding evaluation and test report forms for life-saving appliances. These circulars received approval during the 109th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 109) and were all disseminated on January 22, 2025.

The document presents a comprehensive overview of the content within these circulars, with detailed information on the newly approved forms accessible in the attached documents.

A. MSC.1/Circ.1628/Rev.6 Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Personal Life-Saving Appliances)

This document provides detailed information on the revised forms for testing and evaluating personal life-saving appliances. The equipment covered includes the following:

1. **Lifebuoys and Associated Equipment**
 - Lifebuoys
 - Lifebuoy self-igniting lights
 - Lifebuoy self-activating smoke signals
2. **Lifejackets and Associated Equipment**
 - Inherently buoyant lifejackets
 - Inflatable lifejackets
 - Lifejacket/immersion suit lights
 - Reference Test Device (RTD)
3. **Immersion Suits and Associated Equipment**
 - Immersion suits (non-insulated)
 - Immersion suits (insulated)
4. **Anti-Exposure Suits**
5. **Thermal Protective Aids**



B. MSC.1/Circ.1631/Rev.1, Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Rescue Boats)

This circular provides detailed information on the forms of evaluation and testing for launching and embarkation appliances onboard vessels, including the following equipment:

1. Outboard engines for rescue boats
2. Rigid rescue boats
3. Inflated rescue boats
4. Rigid/inflated rescue boats
5. Rigid fast rescue boats
6. Inflated fast rescue boats
7. Rigid/inflated fast rescue boats



C. MSC.1/Circ.1632/Rev.1 Revised Standardized Life-Saving Appliance Evaluation and Test Report Forms (Launching and Embarkation Appliances)

This circular provides detailed information on the forms of evaluation and testing of launching and embarkation appliances onboard vessels, including the following equipment:

1. Launching and embarkation appliances
 - a. Launching and recovery appliances
 - b. Free-fall launching and recovery appliances
 - c. Davit-launched life raft automatic release hooks
 - d. Launching and recovery appliances for fast rescue boats
2. Marine evacuation systems
3. Means of rescue



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